

**CAWSTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING – 19 DECEMBER 2019**  
**DRAFT MINUTES**

At the meeting of the Cawston Parish Council held at the Village Hall, High Street, Cawston on Thursday 19 December 2019, the following members were present:

B. Schuil – Chairman  
 J. Buttifant, T. Carman, S. Court, T. Durrant, J. Livingstone, C. Monk, G. Sinclair.

**In Attendance**

L. Mills (Clerk of the Council)

**101/122 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from A. Hellewell, P. Soanes, S. Spencer  
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**101/123 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATION**

None

**101/124 MINUTES**

The Minutes of the Council meeting held on 21 November 2019 having been circulated to all members, were confirmed as an accurate record and signed by the Chairman.

**101/125 MATTERS ARISING NOT LISTED ELSEWHERE ON THE AGENDA**

Mr Livingstone asked members to confirm the request for publicity regarding the climate working group as detailed in his previously circulated paper. This was **AGREED**

It was **AGREED** to more carefully explain the small scale of the proposed Community Orchard. Mr Livingstone will liaise with the Oakes Trust

The Chairman reported that a large amount of rubbish is accumulating outside the Care Home. He had spoken with Broadland District Council and they say they will be installing fencing but as of tonight this has not happened.

**101/126 ADJOURNMENT TO ALLOW MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO SPEAK**

None

**101/127 COUNTY and DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT**

None

**101/128 FINANCE**

ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT: T. Durrant having checked the invoices against the payments it was **RESOLVED** that payment of the following accounts totalling £1954.57 be approved and the necessary cheques signed by two authorised members.

Garden Guardian Ltd, grounds maintenance, £663.09

C Monk, travel, £55.80

Administration, £818.78

E.On, street lighting electricity, £51.90

Ravencroft Tree Services, survey, £365.00

**101/129 PLANNING**

- (i) **APPLICATIONS:**  
 20191784, Beechcroft, Holt Road, Cawston NR10 4HS  
 Extension to rear of attached dwelling, change of use of barn to form two holiday lets.  
 The Council **SUPPORTS** this application.

20191838, Sygate Mill, Chapel Street, Cawston NR10 4HZ  
 Change of use from holiday let to residential.  
 The Council **SUPPORTS** this application.

The Clerk to inform Broadland District Council of the Council's views.

- (ii) **WINDFARMS/SHERINGHAM SHOAL**

Mr Monk updated the meeting:

**Hornsea 3** (Orsted) – Sec of State decision is now due 31/3/20.

**Norfolk Vanguard** (Vattenfall) - decision was due 10th December but at the last minute they published a letter delaying it. Cawston traffic was one of the main reasons. There is a deadline of 28/2/20 for submissions on this delay and the new Decision date is still to be announced. We got stories in Look East, Radio Norfolk and the EDP about this.

**Norfolk Boreas** (Vattenfall) – we have been sending submissions to deadlines, next one is tonight! The Examiners have asked a lot of pointed questions to Boreas, NCC & BDC and the replies suggest that Vattenfall are still fudging and misleading while the Councils are getting frustrated at the lack of clear information.  
 There will be an Accompanied Site Inspection here on 23<sup>rd</sup> January, and a Hearing on 21<sup>st</sup> Jan in Norwich.

**Vattenfall** – we had a meeting here in November; friendly but little progress. The Traffic Plan they put to us took out any improvements to pavements and lost a bit of parking. We rejected this and they promised to come back with more detail; nothing received yet.

**Sheringham Shoal / Dudgeon extensions** (Equinor) – have now admitted that their information was misleading and the “scoping corridor” is in fact 1000m wide.

The General Election stopped any progress re the **Offshore Ring Main** alternative and Government review. We will pick this up once the new administration is in place and try to get our MP involved.

Brian and I spent a Sunday in Aldeburgh, meeting Suffolk campaigners and taking part in a public event in the cinema. It was well organised with banners, leaflets, stickers and goody bags. I was asked to speak for a few minutes, and they had the ORM diagram as a main display item.

We are gradually building up a loose alliance of campaigners across the two counties, and it's proving invaluable in exchanging information and ideas.

We learnt today that the SoS has agreed to a request from Orsted to extend the period for their responses from 31/12/19 to 14/2/20. This means the Decision will be put back; a new date will be announced in due course.

**101/130 CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

The chairman expressed further concern at the guttering on the village hall near the entrance – the gates are now flooded when it rains, and the cupboard in the main hall is very damp internally.

A piece of equipment on the Toddlers Area of the playing field has reached the end of its life. It was **AGREED** to purchase a replacement at a maximum cost of £400. Chairman and Mr Livingstone will order.

**101/131 CLERK'S REPORT**

None

**101/132 BUDGET AND PRECEPT REQUIREMENT 2020/2021**

It was **AGREED** to retain the precept at £31,200.

Budget will be confirmed at next meeting.

**101/133 PARISHIONERS' CORRESPONDENCE**

The Chairman received an invitation from a resident to discuss some concerns the resident has. The resident stated that he had been "inundated" with complaints from parishioners as they felt the Clerk and the Council did nothing about their complaints. These are as follows with Council's response in italics:

Blue marble headstone broken and moved to another grave 3 graves away.

*Chairman and his wife have physically resolved this matter.*

Grave buried inside a bush.

*Bushes will be removed in new year with plans to replace*

Leaves a danger to pedestrians outside cemetery gates.

*Broadland District Council no longer respond to requests for leaf clearing.*

Do we understand what ground is consecrated and what is not in the cemetery?

Yes.

The bee bank in the Churchyard must be removed as it is basically brick rubble and rubbish and is covering at least 2 graves.

*This is a matter for the Parochial Church Council.*

The Scout Hut problem was never addressed by us.

*The Clerk had contacted the Vicar by email and the Chairman had spoken with the Vicar. He had promised to look into the matter.*

The Church wall in Church Street has many flints falling from it.

*We are constantly reviewing the condition of the churchyard walls and have a rolling programme of renovations.*

Can the 2 flowering cherry trees which were removed from the Churchyard by us 5 / 6 years ago be replaced as they commemorated the Rodwell Family?

*The Clerk recalls the removal of two dangerous trees but was unaware of the connection to the Rodwell family. The Clerk will write to the Parochial Church Council to obtain their views on the matter*

The Village sign needs repainting.

*The Council will inspect the sign.*

The Jubilee beech tree area needs renovating, some trust or whatever used to maintain this area?

*The area was tidied by a volunteer resident. Council will inspect the area.*

Many people feel the 30 m.p.h. speed sign as you enter the Village is in the wrong place, can it be moved back onto the school sign outside the old brickworks? Been told there is electricity there.

*This has been discussed with Norfolk County Council Highways on more than one occasion. They will not approve a move.*

Bowls Club boundary was mentioned.

*Clerk has been in contact with neighbouring landowner.*

**101/134 ITEMS OF INFORMATION / FUTURE AGENDA**

Mrs Carman expressed concern that flowers are being moved in cemetery when grasscutting takes place and not returned to their correct place. Clerk will contact contractor.

Rats have been seen on Easton Way. Clerk to contact Environmental Health

AGENDA: Budget, Village Champion, Tree report, Light at Fairfields

**101/135 DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

Thursday 16 January 2020

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS THE CHAIR THANKED EVERYONE FOR ATTENDING AND DECLARED THE MEETING CLOSED AT 8.25pm